

In Claim 5, line 1, delete "1" and insert therefor - -23- -;

delete "capture molecule" and insert therefor - -capture antibody- -.

In Claim 8, line 1, delete "1" and insert therefor - -23- -.

In Claim 9, line 1, delete "1" and insert therefor - -23- -.

In Claim 11, line 1, delete "1" and insert therefor - -23- -.

In Claim 12, line 1, change "molecule" to - -antibody- -.

In Claim 13, line 1, delete "1" and insert therefor - -23- -.

In Claim 16, line 1, delete "1" and insert therefor - -23- -.

In Claim 17, line 1, delete "1" and insert therefor - -23- -.

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18. (Amended) The method of Claim 17, wherein the RNA detector molecule is reverse transcribed at a temperature sufficient to dissociate the detector molecule from the [capture molecule:target molecule:detector molecule] capture antibody:target molecule:aptamer ternary complex and reverse transcribe the RNA.

#### REMARKS

After entry of this amendment, independent Claim 23 and Claims 2, 4-5, 8-14 and 16-20 which depend therefrom remain pending in this application. Independent Claims 1 and 22 and dependent Claims 3, 6-7, and 15 have been cancelled. No new matter is believed to have been introduced and entry of the amendments is respectfully requested. Applicants submit that the above-requested amendments are appropriate after a final rejection because they simplify the issues before the Examiner and place the application in condition for allowance.